

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 6 and 18 as shown in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1 1. (canceled).

1 2. (canceled).

1 3. (canceled).

1 4. (canceled).

1 5. (canceled).

1 6. (currently amended) A graphic user interface for an electronic device with a
2 display comprising:
3 a global drawing surface on which different graphic elements can be
4 created, said different graphic elements ~~element~~ existing on said global drawing
5 surface; and
6 a display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface
7 having a local drawing surface on which additional graphic elements can be created,
8 said display-and-control graphic element having a viewable area that can selectively
9 display a portion of said local drawing surface such that some of said local drawing
10 surface is not displayed, said display-and-control graphic element being configured
11 such that said additional graphic elements on said local drawing surface ~~area~~ are
12 managed by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface.

1 7. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said
2 display-and-control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing
3 surface provides a same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1 8. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 7 wherein said
2 display-and-control graphic element includes one of a maximize switch and a close
3 switch.

1 9. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein a first
2 graphic element of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control
3 graphic element is functionally linked with a second graphic element of said different
4 graphic elements on said global drawing surface.

1 10. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 9 wherein said first
2 graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic
3 element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said first graphic
4 element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1 11. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 9 wherein said first
2 graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic
3 element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said second graphic
4 element is controlled by said first graphic element.

1 12. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 9 wherein said
2 different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-
3 control graphic element can be saved as a log, including relative positions and
4 functional associations of said different graphic elements, said additional graphic
5 elements and said display-and-control graphic element.

1 13. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further
2 comprising a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing
3 surface, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element
4 that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular graphic
5 element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface
6 or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic
7 element.

1 14. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further
2 comprising a second display-and-control graphic element on said local drawing
3 surface of said display-and-control graphic element such that said second display-
4 and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control graphic
5 element, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element
6 that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular graphic
7 element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface
8 or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic
9 element.

1 15. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further
2 comprising a graphic control device on said global drawing surface, said graphic
3 control device being functionally linked with a particular graphic element of said
4 additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element such that a
5 relative layering position of said particular graphic element is controlled by said
6 graphic control device.

1 16. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further
2 comprising a second display-and-control graphic element associated with a particular
3 graphic element of said different graphic elements, said second display-and-control
4 graphic element being configured to be activated to modify a property of said
5 particular graphic element.

1 17. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 16 wherein said
2 second display-and-control graphic element is one of a set of display-and-control
3 graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being
4 configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic
5 element.

1 18. (currently amended) A program storage device readable by a machine,
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by said machine to provide
3 a graphic user interface on a display, said graphic user interface comprising:
4 a global drawing surface on which different graphic elements can be
5 created, said different graphic elements ~~element~~ existing on said global drawing
6 surface; and
7 a display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface
8 having a local drawing surface on which additional graphic elements can be created,
9 said display-and-control graphic element having a viewable area that can selectively
10 display a portion of said local drawing surface such that some of said local drawing
11 surface is not displayed, said display-and-control graphic element being configured
12 such that said additional graphic elements on said local drawing surface ~~area~~ are
13 managed by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface.

1 19. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2 display-and-control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing
3 surface provides a same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1 20. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 19 wherein said
2 display-and-control graphic element includes one of a maximize switch and a close
3 switch.

1 21. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 20 wherein a first
2 graphic element of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control
3 graphic element is functionally linked with a second graphic element of said different
4 graphic elements on said global drawing surface.

1 22. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said
2 first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second
3 graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said first
4 graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1 23. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said
2 first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second
3 graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said second
4 graphic element is controlled by said first graphic element.

1 24. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said
2 different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-
3 control graphic element can be saved as a log, including relative positions and
4 functional associations of said different graphic elements, said additional graphic
5 elements and said display-and-control graphic element.

1 25. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2 graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element
3 on said global drawing surface, said second display-and-control graphic element
4 including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic
5 element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements
6 on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said
7 display-and-control graphic element.

1 26. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2 graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element
3 on said local drawing surface display-and-control graphic element such that said
4 second display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control
5 graphic element, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic
6 element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular
7 graphic element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing
8 surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic
9 element.

1 27. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 further
2 comprising a graphic control device on said global drawing surface, said graphic
3 control device being functionally linked with a particular graphic element of said
4 additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element such that a
5 relative layering position of said particular graphic element is controlled by said
6 graphic control device.

1 28. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said
2 graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element
3 associated with a particular graphic element of said different graphic elements, said
4 second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to
5 modify a property of said particular graphic element.

1 29. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 28 wherein said
2 second display-and-control graphic element is one of a set of display-and-control
3 graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being
4 configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic
5 element.

- 1 30. (previously presented) A method for providing a computer environment
2 comprising:
3 generating a display-and-control graphic element having a local
4 drawing surface on a global drawing surface, said display-and-control graphic
5 element having a viewable area that can selectively display a portion of said local
6 drawing surface such that some of said local drawing surface is not displayed; and
7 creating a graphic element on said local drawing surface of said
8 display-and-control graphic element such that said graphic element is managed by
9 said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface.
- 1 31. (previously presented) The method of claim 30 wherein said display-and-
2 control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing surface provides a
3 same operational environment as said global drawing surface.
- 1 32. (previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising
2 functionally linking said graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element
3 with a second graphic element on said global drawing surface.
- 1 33. (previously presented) The method of claim 32 wherein said functionally
2 linking includes functionally linking said graphic element in said display-and-control
3 graphic element with a second graphic element on said global drawing surface such
4 that said graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.
- 1 34. (previously presented) The method of claim 32 wherein said functionally
2 linking includes functionally linking said graphic element in said display-and-control
3 graphic element with a second graphic element on said global drawing surface such
4 that said second graphic element is controlled by said graphic element.

1 35. (previously presented) The method of claim 32 further comprising saving said
2 graphic element, said second graphic element and said display-and-control graphic
3 element, including relative positions and functional associations of said graphic
4 element, said second graphic element and said display-and-control graphic element,
5 as a log.

1 36. (previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising:
2 generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said
3 global drawing surface;
4 creating a second graphic element in said second display-and-control
5 graphic element; and
6 functionally linking said graphic element in said display-and-control
7 graphic element with said second graphic element in said second display-and-control
8 graphic element.

1 37. (previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising:
2 generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said local
3 drawing surface of said display-and-control graphic element such that said second
4 display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control
5 graphic element;
6 creating a second graphic element in said second display-and-control
7 graphic element; and
8 functionally linking said graphic element in said display-and-control
9 graphic element with said second graphic element in said second display-and-control
10 graphic element.

1 38. (previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising
2 functionally linking a graphic control device on said global drawing surface with said
3 graphic element such that a relative layering position of said graphic element with
4 respect to other graphic elements on said local global surface of said display-and-
5 control graphic element is controlled by said graphic control device.

1 39. (previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising generating
2 a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface that is
3 associated with a particular graphic element on said global drawing surface, said
4 second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to
5 modify a property of said particular graphic element.

1 40. (previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein said generating of
2 said second display-and-control graphic element includes generating a set of display-
3 and-control graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set
4 being configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular
5 graphic element.